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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the application as indicated.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel original Claims 1-20 and substitute the following claims therefor:

--21. A method for sequencing DNA, which comprises:

(a) obtaining a target DNA population comprising a plurality of single-stranded DNAs to be sequenced, each of which is present in a unique amount in the same reaction zone and bears a primer to provide a double-stranded portion of the DNA for ligation thereto;

(b) contacting the DNA population with an array of hybridization probes, each probe comprising a label cleavably attached to a known base sequence of predetermined length, the array containing all possible base sequences of that predetermined length and